

RESOLUTION #21-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE WILLIAMSBURG CITY COUNCIL APPROVING THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF OPIOID-RELATED CLAIMS AGAINST MCKESSON, CARDINAL HEALTH, AMERISCOURCEBERGEN, JANSSEN, AND THEIR RELATED CORPORATE ENTITIES, AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO EXECUTE THE DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE SETTLEMENTS

WHEREAS, the opioid epidemic that has cost thousands of lives across the country also impacts the Commonwealth of Virginia and its cities and counties by adversely impacting, among other things, the delivery of medica, law enforcement, criminal justice, mental health and substance abuse services, and other services; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia and its cities and counties have been required and will continue to be required to allocate substantial taxpayer dollars, resources, staff energy and time to address the damage the opioid epidemic has caused and continues to cause the citizens of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, settlement proposals have been negotiated that will cause McKesson, Cardinal Health, AmerisourceBergen and Jannsen to pay up to \$26 billion to resolve opioid-related claims against them;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Williamsburg approves the City's participation in the proposed settlement of opioid related claims against McKesson, Cardinal Health, AmerisourceBergen, Jannsen, and their related corporate entities and directs the City Attorney to execute the documents necessary to effectuate the City's participation in the settlements, including the required release of claims against settling entities.

Adopted: October 14, 2021

Douglas Pons, Mayor

Sandi L. Filicko, Clerk of Council